

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(26)

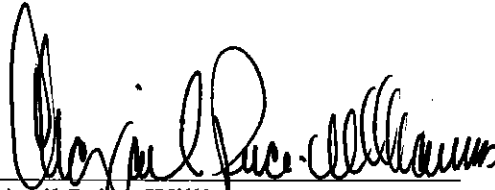
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Florida Coalition Against
Domestic Violence to support
legislation urging the United
States Congress and Florida
Legislature to increase fines,
pass sentence enhancement
penalties and impose mandatory
sentencing guidelines for
offenders convicted of domestic
violence crimes

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA COALITION
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO SUPPORT
LEGISLATION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FINES, PASS
SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT PENALTIES AND IMPOSE
MANDATORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR
OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CRIMES

WHEREAS, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (“Coalition”) is a private non-profit organization that serves as the statewide professional association for Florida’s 42 certified domestic violence centers; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition partners with the Florida Department of Children and Families Domestic Violence Program to end domestic violence in Florida and aims to ensure that high quality services and programming exist in the state for survivors of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 39.9035, Florida Statutes, the Coalition administers state and federal funding appropriated for, and evaluates all domestic violence services provided by, Florida’s certified domestic violence centers; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition provides leadership, advocacy, education, training, technical assistance, and support to certified domestic violence centers, their community partners and other statewide professionals to improve services, practices and policies related to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2015, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1124-15, which urged the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to increase fines, pass sentence enhancement penalties and impose mandatory sentencing guidelines for offenders convicted of domestic violence crimes; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that domestic violence is a vicious and pervasive social problem that destabilizes families and threatens every sector of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition works closely with Florida's executive and legislative branches of government to create and implement public policy that strengthens penalties for offenders and enhances services for survivors of domestic violence crimes; and

WHEREAS, this Board and the Coalition share common goals to end domestic violence and strengthen penalties for offenders, as such this Board seeks the Coalition's support to realize these objectives; and

WHEREAS, because the Coalition serves as the primary voice for survivors of domestic violence and their children in the public policy arena, its support would strengthen this Board's call for action; and

WHEREAS, in light of the severe physical, emotional and financial impact domestic violence can have on women, children and families, and in an effort to further deter domestic violence and punish offenders, this Board seeks the Coalition's advocacy in urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to increase fines, enhance sentencing penalties and impose minimum mandatory sentencing guidelines for offenders convicted of domestic violence crimes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support legislation urging the United States Congress and Florida Legislature to increase fines, pass sentence enhancement penalties and impose mandatory sentencing guidelines for offenders convicted of domestic violence crimes.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shanika A. Graves